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BLUFFTON CAMP TO BE MOVED —

Men Go to Storm Area

On Thursday morning, March 19, thirty men from the Bluffton Camp were sent to Goshen, Indiana to do demolition work in the tornado stricken parts of that city. They were called by the Goshen Ministerial Association and arrangements were made with the owners of the demolished homes to clear property and salvage lumber and other materials. The work was directed by Rev. R.L. Hartzler, camp director, and Mr. Kenneth Cook of the Forestry technical staff who accompanied the men to the scene of disaster.

The boys found boards and wreckage of homes strewn over an area of four city blocks. All unclaimed valuables were taken care of by Ed Brookmyer and were deposited in a tent at the center of action. The fellows worked in crews of six with Troy Lorch, Bud Rensberger, Willis Hershberger and Ernie Frye as leaders.

There was so much wreckage on one property that it required two whole days to clean it up. Materials from three homes had been left there by the storm.

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NEW COMMITTEE NAMED

The names of the new members of the Religious Life and Activities Committee chosen by the various Sunday School classes have been announced. The committee organized with Willis Hershberger as chairman and Judson Hill secretary. Others members are Dave Anderson, Archie Mishler and Dennis A. Lehman.

The committee is responsible for the Sunday evening programs and also conducts the Tuesday night prayer meetings. Mr. Hill, in an interview last Monday, stated that the committee has some interesting plans in mind which will probably be put into use shortly.

TRANSFER MAY BE MADE NEXT WEEK

The Bluffton Civilian Public Service Camp is to be moved to the Jasper-Pulaski Game Preserve near Modaryville, Indiana according to our announcement made here tonight. The transfer is likely to take place within the next two weeks.

Requested By Selective

This unexpected transfer is being made at the request of the Selective Service System at Washington, D.C. The change is said to be done to the greater importance of the work program at Modaryville. According to Selective Service it is to be the most important project in the state of Indiana.

Although the work program at the recently abandoned C.C.C. Camp at Modaryville was both Game and Forestry, it is thought that the work to be done under the new arrangement will be exclusively forestry.

The exact date when the move is to take place is not yet known. It will depend largely on just how soon Col. Kosch from Selective Service can send some one to Bluffton to supervise the transfer.

The announcement came as a complete surprise to the men in Camp. Public relations in the community of Bluffton have been everything that could be hoped for. A mingled feeling of regret and hopeful expectation was evident throughout the camp tonight.

The Byler quartet from Goshen College gave a program at the Camp chapel Sunday evening March 22. The quartet made up of three Byler brothers and Junior Franz are natives from Pennsylvania. Their singing was one of the outstanding musical programs ever given in the chapel.

HEROIC PATTERNS Mennonite Work Praised

by Willis Hershberger



George Bauman

In about the year 1529 a Mennonite by the name of George Bauman was apprehended in Wurtemberg. The man, a nobleman, whom he had been serving heard his con-

fession of faith and condemned him to torture on the rack until he would give up his faith and return to the Catholic Church. Under the severe pain Bauman wavered and finally agreed to renounce his faith.

In the process of squaring him self with the Catholic Church, he had to make confession three times. For this he appeared twice but when the third and final step had to be taken he could not go through with it. The nobleman again took him into custody and condemned him to death by beheading.

This time Bauman did not falter but joyfully sang, and they say, even stepped out of his shoes as he was led to death. Records show that later the very nobleman and those who had sat in judgment came to a miserable end and dreadful death.

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In the basement coal was removed on which the body of one of the victims had been found. Three other properties were also cleared of the wreckage last week. One home, which was completely wrecked belonged to an uncle of Payson Hostetler. Payson had the honor of finding his uncle's gold watch in the debris.

One evening after supper four of the fellows answered a call to help set up a valuable tree which had been blown over. Another unusual job was patching a roof on which the worker had to be held securely by a rope. The men were glad to give their time and efforts to help those who had been so unfortunate as to lose their homes. They worked hard to get as much work done as possible before returning to camp Saturday afternoon.

Room and board were furnished by the Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen. The meals were served by waitresses who had volunteered their

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According to an article in the March issue of the Reader's Digest, overhead expenses for a relief organization should not exceed 20 or 30 per cent of the money collected. The State Department at Washington, D. C. checks the figures of all organizations doing foreign relief work. It reports that the overhead expense of the Mennonite Central Committee is around six or seven per cent.

Former President Herbert Hoover said of the book dealing with the Mennonites feeding the hungry in Russia after the World War, "It presents the wonderful record of generosity and service by those of the Mennonite faith which perhaps only those like myself, with whom they so effectively co-operated, will ever fully appreciate. For a society of such limited membership and such moderate means to have contributed over \$1,300,000 to these purposes in addition to their other burdens during the war, is evidence of self-denial and generosity which brings credit upon the whole American life."

Roosevelt Remembers Mennonites

Several years ago a neutrality bill before Congress provided that only the Red Cross was to be allowed to carry on relief work in the countries at war. President Roosevelt told a peace committee calling upon him his reasons for having requested a change in the wording of this proposed law. His words were to this effect, "When I read the proposed law I saw that only the Red Cross was to be allowed to carry on relief work in countries at war. Then I remembered the excellent piece of work the Mennonites and Quakers had done in Europe during and after the World War, and I wanted the way kept open for these churches to continue their services."

***—From Mennonite Weekly Review

Hagerstown Camp Opens

Camp No. 24 which opened at Hagerstown, Maryland on February 20, now has a total of twenty assignees. Like other farm camps which are to be opened later, this unit is located on a farm and the boys will live in the large farmhouse and the dormitory which was built next to the house.

A house-father and house-mother, Bro. and Sister Jacob Mellinger, also reside in the farmhouse. Bro. Mellinger assumes management of the farm and Sister Mellinger supervises the

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Laundry Notes

by

Albert Jones

The fellows in the laundry appreciate the nice weather we have been having probably more than anybody else in camp. The warm weather and fresh atmosphere make it possible to dry the clothes outside. That, together with the new door to the shop, makes the ironing room less pressing. The less pressing the ironing room the more pressing the boys can do.

So that more men could go to the storm stricken area, we have doubled up on some of our work. It keeps us on the go most of the time.

"The man who wakes up and finds himself famous hasn't been asleep."



FISH AND GAME PROJECT

By

Dennis A. Lehman

Last Friday the most important and most sought after characters in the entire Fish and Game project were not those who work in the office, nor was it any who work outside the office, but rather it was the two ten week old bear cubs. (They have not yet been named). Both the cubs and the mother bear were then taken out into the sunlight for the first time and Ed Rutt soon had his camera clicking. Those who witnessed the press interview all looked on with the expression on their faces so commonly seen when it is said of a new baby, "Oh isn't it cute!" The bears will be brought back soon after the show is over.

Quail "Season" Opens

There are about three thousands pair of quail that are being taken care of every day. Ten men were taken from the Forestry project to take care of this added work. More and more men will have to help with the work as the spring season advances.



FORESTRY PROJECT

by

Bud Rensberger

The largest percentage of the Forestry workers are now digging trees. Perhaps we should explain the tree digging process, less the wrong impression be given. By tree digging we don't mean that we are using cranes or Caterpillars. The trees, planted last summer, are now about a foot high.

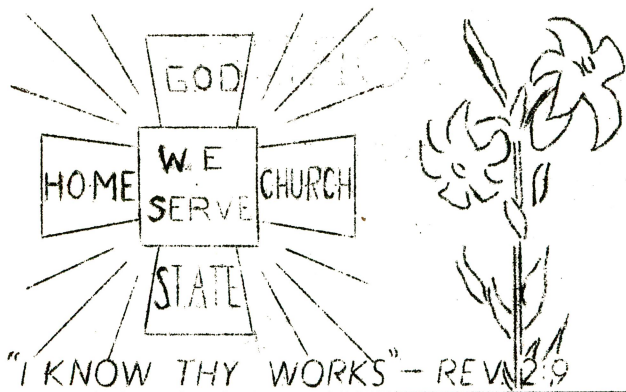
The diggers, wearing high boots, wade around in the mud pulling out the trees with their hands. The trees are then hauled in a wheelbarrow to the basement of the Nursey Service Building. Here, working over three large tables, a group of boys sort the trees in three groups, large, small and, culls. The trees are then tied in bunches of twenty five and are hauled to a sand pile where they are "heeled in." By "heeling in" is meant the planting or the bunches close together and covering the roots with sand.

The trees will be sent to various part of the state for reforestration and will be sold for \$1.25 per hundred. We have Black Locust, Butternut, Walnut and a few others. In order to meet the demands, the nursery will get trees from other nurseries in the State. There are approximately 600,000 trees to be pulled by the roots. One day the boys hit the 105,750 mark, but the average for one day is quite a bit lower than that.

New arrivals—

We welcome to C.P.S. No. 13, Dolmar Augspurger from Chenoa, Illinois. Mr. Augspurger has been farming for himself since 1939. Previous to his agricultural pursuits he operated a filling station and worked as a mechanic in a garage. He is a member of the Meadows Mennonite Church at Meadows, Illinois which is affiliated with the Central Conference of Mennonites.

We also welcome Louis Leo Christner who comes from Elkton, Michigan. Louis has been working on his fathers farm. He is a member of the Pigeon Rines A.M. Congregation which belongs to the Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference.



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LEST WE FORGET

"IS THERE NO BALM IN GILEAD? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" So cried the ancient prophet Jeremiah, and his cry is being echoed and re-echoed by men in Civilian Public Service Camps as they are praying:

"O, God, Our Father, men are bleeding, starving, despairing, dying --and we are unable to help them. Is there then no balm in Gilead? Is there then nothing we can do?"

Some have taken drastic steps to register their protest at the closing of doors which would have enabled them to relieve human suffering. For this we can not criticize them harshly, because we believe their motives are right. We too believe this work must be done, and we too want to help them do it. But we must remember that we are not a large group and that although our two-fold purpose is, (1) to avoid participation in war because we believe it wrong, and (2) to do good; we nevertheless live in a country which is waging an all out war, and in which the people consider it not only right to participate in war, but actually believe it their moral obligation. They also believe in doing good, but to take part in the war, they say, is the way to do good. The question then is not so much whether we will tolerate them as it is whether they will tolerate us. We are hardly in a position to demand their toleration, but rather are in a position to lose the toleration which they have shown us.

All this does not mean that we are to sink into complacency and not ask for the work which most needs to be done. But it does mean that we can not take matters into our own hands and decide our own fate, for to do so would be merely to confirm what they already believe about us.. For every man who would understand such an attitude there would be a thousand who would be hardened.

We do not believe that Selective Service has shown enough evidence of deliberately curtailing freedom to justify rash action. We believe rather that they have gone out of their way to co-operate with those of us who have tried to co-operate with them. For us to be inconsiderate now would be to return evil for good whereas our very reason for being here is based on our belief with Christ in the efficacy of returning good for evil. ---CML

His Kingship

"And the multitude of them that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." Thus they acclaimed Him king.

A king He was, do you say? Yea, a king indeed, the King of kings! Born among the lowly, cradled in a manger, reared in an obscure hamlet, misunderstood by His family, rejected by His people, crucified as a criminal, buried in a borrowed tomb--no semblance of earthly power or glory graced His person, or awed His followers.

Yet ever and again, He spoke of His kingdom in words which betrayed His confidence in its final triumph. Hidden from men's earthly eyes and hearts, it still to Him was the great reality worth living and striving for.

And He has won! His was the royalty of love, the majesty of grace and the sovereignty of truth. Through the centuries since, His divine sway in the hearts of men has gone out through every clime and tongue and kindred; and today there are millions who loudly call,

"Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of All." --R.L.H.

Kitchen Left-Overs

BY PAUL A KINZER

We wish to thank all of our friends who continue to contribute to our food larder. Some of the recent contributors are: Ora Thomas, 150 lbs. potatoes; Rudy Kauffman, 34 qts. fruit; Henry Miller, 25 lbs. sugar; J. D. Thomas, 1 gal. maple sugar; L. M. Schrock, 25 lbs. prunes.

The other day Norman Bogly forgot a sample pie that had been left in the oven and it burned black. Another sample was put in the oven and this time Paul Yoder forgot it until it turned to a cinder. When the big pies for supper were finally put in the oven Monasses Borntrager took his station by the oven door and personally supervised the process. This seems to be the best way to bake pies!

Many kinds of vegetables have been found in the soup since we have been in camp but last week was the first time for an apple core. Mel Yoder has been blamed for this prank -- or was it Ray Miller!

We are wondering if Ray Miller and Jesse Reigsecker are helping the Goshen girls with the cooking while they are working in the tornado area.

Our old dinner bell has finally been replaced by a better one. After many days of hard use and abuse the old bell, like the famous Liberty Bell, cracked and lost its voice.

Ezra Miller's attempted trick on the head waiter back-fired. Ezra slyly hid his piece of pie thinking he could easily get another piece. While he was waiting some one took his first piece, so he was left without any. Let that be a lesson!

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FARM CAMP OPENS

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kitchen and acts in the capacity of matron. Bro. Grant M. Stoltzfus is in charge of the administrative work connected with the camp. The project work is directed by Soil Conservation Service and is done in Washington County, Maryland.

-- From MCC C.P.S. News

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FLASH -- Ernest Christner has just been granted a three month's emergency furlough. Ernie's father was hurt in an accident some time ago and is unable to do his farm work along.

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services. It is said that Shorty Horshberger was especially pleased with their work.

Because of the greatly increased work on the projects now that spring is here, it was impossible for all thirty of the men to return to Goshen this week. By doubling up on some of the work around the camp ten men were released from their regular duties and able to continue the cleaning up of the wreckage. Fifteen men from Camp Lagro joined them Monday morning and the work is continuing for at least another week.

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C. P. S. IN SWEDEN

In 1926 Sweden encountered 257 conscientious objectors who would not take part in that country's military training program. One hundred and twelve merely declined to bear arms. The latter were required to serve 90 days longer than the usual military term; the former 120 days longer, in forestry or in road making.

-- From "Symposium on War"

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WHAT FAMOUS MEN HAVE TO SAY ABOUT WAR

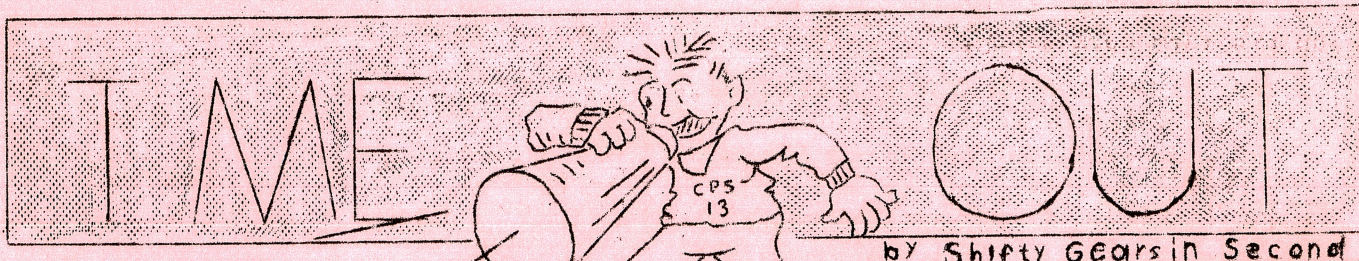
We may well ask ourselves whether civilization does not really reach a point where it begins to destroy itself, and whether we are doomed to go headlong down through destructive war to darkness and barbarism.

--- General John Pershing

War is the blackest villainy of which human nature is capable.

-- Erasmus

The deepest evil of war is not suffering, death, ruin of cities, wasting of homes, plagues, famine, or fire; but war depraves as it destroys; it is the moral damage as well as the physical. The murderous desires and frenzy of noncombatants at home are nearly as bad as the work of the soldiers; the brutality of the man in the street, the blood-thirst fostered by teachers, inculcated in schools, preached in churches, and exhorted in the name of the Lord; this saturation of the people at home with murder and hatred is moral shrapnel. -- Former Premier Ramsey MacDonald, of Great Britain.



Our little John Yoder was handicapped a few days in his special profession (talking) when he had two teeth removed from his front upper jaw. He is slowly but surely getting back to his old self again and in which we know him best.

Down in Dorm G they are wondering why Marlon Roth brings water to the dorm to wash his feet before going to bed. It sounds like a feature story to us.

Dorm D is somewhat puzzled by the actions of one of its inmates who is frequently seen on his knees addressing a letter. Could it be that Bud is hoping for "psychological" effects?

Dorm B proudly points to it's favorite son, Jerry O. Carper, who was the featured soloist at the First Methodist Church in Decatur, Indiana last Sunday. The event was audienced by none other than those distinguished gentlemen, Troy Edward Lorch and Paul Sherwood Liachty.

Ed Brookmeyer spent Saturday nite in dorm C. The fellows enjoyed his brief visit here and hope he didn't suffer any ill effects from helping them wash dishes Sunday morning.

The boys in dorm F usually need a little reminder from dorm E that it is time for lights out. A gentle hint such as a direct hit with a shoe against the door usually does the job.

A wheelbarrow full of trees upset -- Girls will you please stay out of sight when Tom Millers working.

Raymond Gerber is having a wonderful time with his letters. One day he got one written with red ink (they say it may be a warning), anyway he wrote a bouncing good letter that just wouldn't stay put. Yes it came back. You can't always blame the post office either.

Does that Wickie Miller from dorm C have an optian on a candy factory or is there some other "sweet" connected with those packages.

Alvin Weaver still carries a piece of tile in his pocket, just in case he runs accross a stray snipe.

Again Harlon Birky took a cold shower at 12:01 A.M. Sunday nite in the middle of Dorm H. Could it be he was celebrating his return from a week end in Ill.

Kenneth McClure from Dorm C celebrated his first wedding anniversary contentedly pulling trees on March 23.

Although spring is already here and summer is just around the corner of dorm B Archie Mishler still sleeps with a comforter and three blankets. Some think that he may be conditioning himself for the summer heat.

Jake Kooi rides again! To Chicago? Yes. Has he come back? Yes, but very much weak-end. Easy there Jake, Dorm D can't afford to lose any of their "Atlas" men.

The boys down in Dorm D are more or less hoping that Harloy Birky will not get lost in the hills of southern Indiana during his 400 mile trip with 152,000 trees for the nursery at Henryville.

It is being rumored that little Paul Hershberger beat Bud Hartman in a game of Carrom, 2-0. Just how Dorm D manages one disgrace after another is more than we will ever know.

Harlan Birkey claims hedge posts can really take it. Why he says they'll last for two life-times, in fact he knows a man back in Illinois who's tried it.

Beware Dorm A! Charles Atlas Jr. (G. Habbarger) from Dorm B. Claims in about ten weeks he can lick the whole Dorm A unit at once!

Don't ask John Whetstone if he knows Rosie, because he thinks that is a dumb question.

If you want to know how your voice sounds on a radio just drop in Dorm A. Judson will record it.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Rates: One cent for every ten words.
Subject to change without notice.

FOR SALE--One 1937 Ford V8, 60 H.P. with radio, heater and very good tires.
Howard Wenger

FOR SALE--Six volt Schick Electric Razor with transformer for use with 110 volts. Has the new Schick head which shaves much faster and closer than old type heads. Only \$5.00 for shaver, \$1.00 extra for transformer. See Carl Lehman

WANTED--Someone who would like to learn to run the mimeograph machine to go out back numbers of the Peace Sentinel. One candy bar or bottle of pop will be given for each back number put out. See Chief Mimeograph Operator, Ray Thomas.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT--On new coffee pot ordered by one of the dormitories but not called for. Have fresh coffee in your dorm whenever you want it. Originally 85 cents was 76 cents last week and now the first 75 cents takes it. The Camp Store.

FOR SALE--While the last, genuine Official Westminster Ping Pong paddles at 44 cents each. Get yours at the Camp Store.

SEE OUR--fine new selection of soap at the Camp Store. Why be dirty when you can be clean for so little.

Recent C.P.S. Statistics

According to figures recently released by the National Service Board for Religious Objectors there are men from 123 denominations on record as being certified in Class IV-E. These figures as of March 1, list 2057 boys in 26 camps or functioning units with a total of 509 to be assigned during March.

Of the number of boys in camp the Mennonite groups have a total of 764, Church of the Brethren 319, and the Society of Friends 165.

Among the non-historic peace groups the following have the largest numbers: Methodist 174, Presbyterian 55, Baptist 43, Congregational-Christian 44, Jehovah's Witnesses 43, Catholic 35, Church of Christ 32, Church of God 30, Lutheran 27, Evangelical Reformed 22, Disciples of Christ 21, and Episcopal 21.

---From MCC C.P.S. News

Men Transport Seedlings

Archio Mishler, truck master, and Harley Birky left Wednesday afternoon with a load of tree seedlings for southern Indiana. The men are to pick up a load of seedlings at Henryville and bring the back to Bluffton. The exchange is being made because each place grows seedlings which the other does not have.

Early next week another load is to be taken to southern Indiana and a load brought back for the Jasper-Pulaski Forest near Medaryville, Indiana. Several days ago three of the Bluffton men made the trip to Medaryville to pick up tools and other equipment at that project no longer being used since the CCC camp there has been abandoned.

FOOD for THOUGHT

by Myrtle Kolb

The annual miracle of spring is once more being performed before our eyes. The ice has gone from the Wabash and the waters have settled back between their banks. Blue sky and sunshine are becoming the usual thing rather than the exception. Daffodils and iris push higher every day, and the grass is getting greener all the time. The meadow-larks sing from dawn till dark. No fooling -- spring is here! On the lake the swans drift about, while all kinds of ducks swim and dive and dash around. The knee-deep mud of seed-beds and quail pens is gradually drying out, and pulling, planting, and transplanting trees is the order of the day. Everywhere one goes one can almost hear voices singing. "Spring!-- it's spring! And the spring-peepers continue the reminder day and night.

The sunshine shows up the soot streaks and the smudges that we hadn't particularly noticed during the dull winter days. It's spring housecleaning time. And while I'm cleaning closet shelves, and desk drawers and suitcases I'll have an excellent opportunity for some personal house cleaning. Perhaps some dislikes have lodged in my mind and need to be rooted out; and in that corner may be some super-sensitive feelings which make me difficult to live with and cause me to see slights and insults where none are meant. And what about that box? --is it a collection of the mean things

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IN OTHER CAMPS

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that people have said and done, all saved up in the hope of "getting even"? Is my heart covered with the soot of selfishness? If I find these things I have a much more serious problem than that of smoky woodwork, dusty cupboards and discouraged-looking curtains. It's no condition in which to face life at any time and particularly not in the spring.

He Come to Give Life

One day, when He was teaching, Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." And the people did not understand. But He lived and died and rose again to make this more abundant life possible --- and what more fitting time could there be for getting rid of all the rubbish that has accumulated to interfere with that abundance then now when we are remembering again the joyous fact of the resurrection. Old things shall pass away and all things become new --- and we shall have spring in our hearts as well as in our surroundings.

Study Artificial Respiration

The First Aid class taught by William Spurgeon of Berne took up the study of artificial respiration this week. Edward Stucky and Edmund Baumgartner, both from Berne, accompanied Mr. Spurgeon and helped give demonstrations to the group. Blankets and newspapers were placed on the floor of the dining hall and members of the class tried the art on one another.

Artificial respiration is especially useful in cases of drowning, electric shock, and for persons overcome by gas.

Through mud and water, about 30 brave men from Camp Lagro, tugged and pulled hose as they assisted other near-by fire departments in their struggle to subdue the flames which engulfed the Rock Well Plant in Lagro, Thursday night. The Lagro fire chief was much appreciative of the work done by the camp men.
C.P.S. Camp No. 6, Lagro, Indiana.

The purpose of the Camp Council is to serve as a representative body between the campees and the camp staff. In addition to bringing problems before the staff it will also help to lighten the work of the Camp Staff by assuming other responsibilities which will be defined in the Council Constitution which is being drawn up at the present time.
C.P.S. Camp No. 20, Wells Tannery, Penn.

It is one thing to be a conscientious objector but quite another to be able to give a clear, sensible reason for being one. Once a month Sunday evening services are designed to help each campees think through his conscientious position.
C.P.S. Camp No. 4, Grottoes, Virginia.

Several new courses have been added to the camp curriculum in order to improve the educational program. Included among these are courses in American History, metal and shop work, and Construction Methods. These new courses are designed to meet the needs and desires of the men in camp. C.P.S. Camp No. 18, Denison, Iowa.

Plans are being made for the official opening and dedication of the camp library at which time members and friends of the camp will be invited to inspect the newly-decorated buildings.
C.P.S. Camp No. 21, Cascade Locks, Oregon.

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